

Appl. No. 10/039,894

REMARKS


In the Office Action, the Patent Office has required restriction to one of the alleged groups of inventions. Applicants elect, without traverse, Group V and thus request the examination of claims 40, 42, 61, 63-73, 74 and 75 at this time. Applicants further request the examination of claim 41 along with the other claims identified in the alleged Group V. Claim 41 depends from claim 40 and further was not identified in any one of the alleged Groups as indicated in the Office Action.

In the Office Action, claims 27-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Based on the election of Group V and further examination request of the claims as discussed above, this rejection has been rendered moot at least for now and, thus, Applicants respectfully request that it should be withdrawn.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request an early and favorable examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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